

2013/2014 World Series of Poker Circuit

Season 10

Horseshoe Casino

Cincinnati, OH

Event #11

No-Limit Hold'em

Buy-In: \$300(+\$65)

Total Entries: 138

Prize Pool: \$41,400

September 29-30, 2013



John Robertson Earns Gold in Cincinnati

Self-described “blue collar” poker player earns his first gold ring after 15 years of playing the game.

Cincinnati, OH (September 30, 2013) — John Robertson describes himself as a blue-collar poker player. He says he’s been playing the game professionally for 15 years and concentrates on small buy-in tournaments in his hometown of Las Vegas. The game is a living for him and nothing more. He’s not flashy. He’s pretty unassuming and he’s not in it for the glory.

But as of Monday evening at Horseshoe Cincinnati, he owns some gold jewelry.

Robertson outlasted 138 players in Event 11, a \$365 No-Limit Hold'em tournament. He earned \$11,589 as well as his first WSOP Circuit gold ring. Ideally, Robertson didn’t want to be playing in the \$365 event. He made the trip to Ohio to play in the \$1,675 finale and earned a seat into it in a satellite event.

“[My girlfriend and I] decided to come to Cincinnati on Thursday to play the Main Event. I got knocked out, so I played [Event 11]. It certainly worked out the way I wanted it to,” Robertson said.

While the newly-earned five-figure check in his pocket may elicit a bias, Robertson and his girlfriend enjoyed their impromptu trip to Queen City and vowed to return for subsequent Circuit events.

“We stayed at the Westin across from Fountain Square. Beautiful. Gorgeous,” Robertson said. “The city is great. The casino is brand new, so what can you say about it? It still smells like a new car.”

The final table was a breeze for the 15-year veteran of the game. He outlasted gold ring winner Brian Schultz (fifth) before besting yet another ring holder heads-up in Thomas Midena. The victory places Robertson in the winner’s club with these two and sends the self-proclaimed blue-collar poker player home with some flashy jewelry.

Event 11 was the 11th of 12 gold ring events on the WSOP Circuit schedule at Horseshoe Cincinnati. The \$365 No-Limit Hold'em tournament attracted 138 players generating a \$41,400 prize pool. The top 15 players were paid.

Day 1 began Sunday at 12 p.m. and the final table was reached in about 12 hours. Day 2 started Monday at 1 p.m. with nine players remaining and concluded at 5 p.m.

Notes on the Event

- The 2013/2014 WSOP Circuit at Horseshoe Cincinnati marks the first major tournament series to take place in Ohio.
- Event 11 played out alongside the Main Event final table.

The player who accumulates the most overall points during Horseshoe Cincinnati's twelve combined gold ring tournaments will earn the title Casino Champion and receive automatic entry into the WSOP National Championship to take place at Caesars Atlantic City this spring.

All players who cash in ring events receive points that apply toward the Casino Champion's race and the season-long race to claim one of 50 at-large National Championship bids awarded to the top point earners throughout the season. More information on the points system is available on WSOP.com.

Here is the list of gold ring winners from Horseshoe Cincinnati:

EVENT #1: Caufman Talley defeated 308 players (\$365 NLH) for \$21,716
EVENT #2: Jason Hill defeated 1,106 players (\$365 NLH Re-Entry) for \$60,554
EVENT #3: Samuel Panzica defeated 148 players (\$365 Limit O8) for \$12,434
EVENT #4: Chris Parsons defeated 196 players (\$365 NLH) for \$15,289
EVENT #5: Darren Rabinowitz defeated 138 players (\$365 NLH Six-Handed) for \$19,664
EVENT #6: Chris Karambinis defeated 106 players (\$365 PLO Triple Chance) for \$15,902
EVENT #7: Robert Edelstein defeated 163 players (\$580 NLH) for \$22,008
EVENT #8: Samuel Panzica defeated 94 players (\$365 PLO with \$100 Re-Buys) for \$21,538
THE MAIN EVENT (EVENT 9): TBD
EVENT #10: Pavlin Karakikov defeated 203 players (\$365 NLH) for \$15,835
EVENT #11: John Robertson defeated 138 players (\$365 NLH) for \$11,589

With the 11th tournament wrapped, one more ring event remains at Horseshoe Cincinnati.

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About Horseshoe Casino Cincinnati:

Rock Gaming LLC and Caesars Entertainment Corporation have developed a \$400 million full-service casino in downtown Cincinnati. Horseshoe Casino Cincinnati, which opened in March 2013, is expected to attract nearly six million visits to downtown annually. The urban casino

includes three outward facing restaurants to engage pedestrians and support existing businesses, cultural, nightlife and sports attractions downtown. Horseshoe Cincinnati employs 1,700 team members and features 2,000 slot machines, 87 table games, and a World Series of Poker room, along with a feature bar, a quick-casual eatery and a buffet restaurant. The casino also has partnerships with 10 local restaurants and 10 local hotels. During construction the development created more than 2,000 construction jobs. For more information please visit www.HorseshoeCincinnati.com.